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All County Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA)/
Targeted Case Management (TCM) Coordinators and
Advisory Committee Members

**CLAIMING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDI-CAL ELIGIBLE
NEWBORN INFANTS**

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The purpose of this letter is to remind all Local Governmental Agencies (LGAs) who provide Targeted Case Management (TCM) services for Medi-Cal eligible newborn infants of claiming requirements.

Pursuant to Policy and Procedure Letter (PPL) No. 96-008, dated June 3, 1996, Medi-Cal providers who claim for TCM services rendered to a Medi-Cal eligible newborn infant who does not possess a Medi-Cal Benefits Identification Card (BIC) when claiming for TCM services were instructed to bill with the mother's BIC, name and date of birth. The Medi-Cal program also required that the mother report the birth of the newborn infant to her Medi-Cal eligibility worker, and to apply for a social security number for the newborn infant, at which time a separate identification number will be issued within a two-month period. TCM services provided to both the mother and to the infant on the same day require separate case file documentation.

All LGAs are advised that in accordance with California Code of Regulations (CFR), Section 50733 (c), a mother's Medi-Cal card shall be authorization for services for her newborn child during the month of birth and the month following the month of birth. However, subsequent to the two-month grace period, TCM services provided to the infant must be claimed using the infant's own Medi-Cal BIC number and the infant's date of birth. In the event, there should be a delay in the issuance of the infant's Medi-Cal BIC Number, the LGAs are advised to withhold claims until the Medi-Cal BIC Number is issued. In instances where TCM case file documentation and subsequent payment records indicate duplicate claims have occurred, the LGA may be subject to an audit exception and/or recoupment of payments made to the LGA.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Administrative Claiming Unit analyst assigned to your LGA.

Sincerely,

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Policy Effective Date: July 1, 1998
Policy Reference: PPL No. 96-008, CFR,
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